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## Note verbale dated 20 May 2014 from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the fact sheet on "transparency in the United States Nuclear Weapons Stockpile" dated 29 April 2014

The Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament presents its compliments to Acting Secretary-General of the Conference Michael Moeller and has the honour of transmitting to the Secretariat a fact sheet on "transparency in the United States Nuclear Weapons Stockpile," dated 29 April 2014. The United States delegation would appreciate the Secretariat's assistance in issuing and circulating this fact sheet as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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# Fact Sheet
# Transparency in the United States Nuclear Weapons Stockpile

The United States is releasing newly declassified information on the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile to update the information released in May 2010. Increasing the transparency of global nuclear stockpiles is important to non-proliferation efforts, including commitments under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, and the pursuit of further reductions that cover all nuclear weapons: deployed and non-deployed, strategic and non-strategic.

### Stockpile

As of September 2013, the U.S. stockpile of nuclear warheads consisted of 4,804 warheads. This number represents an 85 percent reduction in the stockpile from its maximum (31,255) at the end of fiscal year 1967, and a 78 percent reduction from its level (22,217) when the Berlin Wall fell in late 1989. The below figure shows the U.S. nuclear stockpile from 1945 through September 30, 2013.

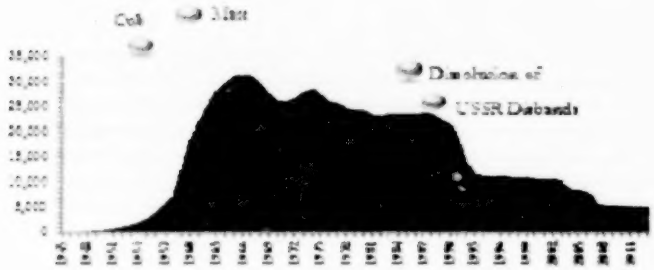
### Warhead Dismantlement

From fiscal years 1994 through 2013, the United States dismantled 9,952 nuclear warheads. Since September 30, 2009, the United States has dismantled 1,204 nuclear warheads. Several thousand additional nuclear weapons are currently retired and awaiting dismantlement.

### Non-Strategic Nuclear Weapons

The number of U.S. non-strategic nuclear weapons has declined by approximately 90 percent since September 30, 1991.

### United States Nuclear Weapons Stockpile, 1945-2014




***Includes active and inactive warheads. Several thousand additional nuclear warheads are retired and awaiting dismantlement.***

*Stockpile Numbers – End of Fiscal Years 1962-2013**

*Data prior to 1962 released by Department of Energy in December 1993*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1962 | 25,540 | 1988 | 23,205 |
| 1963 | 28,133 | 1989 | 22,217 |
| 1964 | 29,463 | 1990 | 21,392 |
| 1965 | 31,139 | 1991 | 19,008 |
| 1966 | 31,175 | 1992 | 13,708 |
| 1967 | 31,255 | 1993 | 11,511 |
| 1968 | 29,561 | 1994 | 10,979 |
| 1969 | 27,552 | 1995 | 10,904 |
| 1970 | 26,008 | 1996 | 11,011 |
| 1971 | 25,830 | 1997 | 10,903 |
| 1972 | 26,516 | 1998 | 10,732 |
| 1973 | 27,835 | 1999 | 10,685 |
| 1974 | 28,537 | 2000 | 10,577 |
| 1975 | 27,519 | 2001 | 10,526 |
| 1976 | 25,914 | 2002 | 10,457 |
| 1977 | 25,542 | 2003 | 10,027 |
| 1978 | 24,418 | 2004 | 8,570 |
| 1979 | 24,138 | 2005 | 8,360 |
| 1980 | 24,104 | 2006 | 7,853 |
| 1981 | 23,208 | 2007 | 5,709 |
| 1982 | 22,886 | 2008 | 5,273 |
| 1983 | 23,305 | 2009 | 5,113 |
| 1984 | 23,459 | 2010 | 5,066 |
| 1985 | 23,368 | 2011 | 4,897 |
| 1986 | 23,317 | 2012 | 4,881 |
| 1987 | 23,575 | 2013 | 4,804 |

*Stockpile Numbers – End of Fiscal Years 1962-2013**

*Data prior to 1962 released by Department of Energy in December 1993*

* Does not include weapons retired and awaiting dismantlement

| Department of Energy Weapon Dismantlements (Fiscal Year 1994 – 2013) | |
|---|---|
| 1994 | 1,369 |
| 1995 | 1,393 |
| 1996 | 1,064 |
| 1997 | 498 |
| 1998 | 1,062 |
| 1999 | 206 |
| 2000 | 158 |
| 2001 | 144 |
| 2002 | 344 |
| 2003 | 222 |
| 2004 | 206 |
| 2005 | 280 |
| 2006 | 253 |
| 2007 | 545 |
| 2008 | 648 |
| 2009 | 356 |
| 2010 | 352 |
| 2011 | 305 |
| 2012 | 308 |
| 2013 | 239 |
| Total Dismantlements | 9,952 |

**Definitions**

The nuclear stockpile includes both active and inactive warheads. Active warheads include strategic and non-strategic weapons maintained in an operational, ready-for-use configuration, warheads that must be ready for possible deployment within a short timeframe, and logistics spares. They have tritium bottles and other Limited Life Components installed. Inactive warheads are maintained at a depot in a non-operational status, and have their tritium bottles removed.

A retired warhead is removed from its delivery platform, is not functional, and is not considered part of the nuclear stockpile. Weapons awaiting dismantlement constitute a significant fraction of the total warhead population and will increase as the New START Treaty is implemented and as unneeded warheads are retired. A dismantled warhead is a warhead reduced to its component parts.